



Sandy Hook Visitor Programs

Autumn 2005

September

Beach Concert

On the Beach at Area E

Wednesday, September 7 at 6 p.m.

The last concert of the season features *Next Generation of Soul* performing a program of soul, R&B, and rock. If weather is a factor, a decision to cancel is made at 2 p.m. Call 732-291-7733 for rain cancellation or more information. The Sandy Hook Foundation sponsors the annual Sandy Hook Summer Beach Concert series.

Seining

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, September 10 at 2 p.m.

This hands-on program explores the creatures that live in Sandy Hook Bay. Reservations required. 732-872-5970.

Lenape Nature Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m.

Native Americans used the plants, animals, and other resources at Sandy Hook to survive. Discover how the Lenape made use of nature's gifts on this trail walk with a park ranger.

Tribute in Light

North Beach Observation Deck

Sunday, September 11, 7 to 10 p.m.

View the annual tribute to those who lost their lives on 9-11 from the vantage point of North Beach.

Brookdale CC Moonwalk

Brookdale Community College Ocean Institute

Building 53, Fort Hancock

Wednesday, September 14 at 6 p.m.

Reservations needed for this fee program.

Call: 732-224-2435 or visit:

www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html

**Visit Gateway NRA on the web at:
www.nps.gov/gate**

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Features exhibits and a bookstore.

Fort Hancock Museum

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is in the former post guardhouse and has a bookstore and exhibits.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Grounds and Video in adjacent barn.

Daily Lighthouse Tours: Weekends, noon to 4:30 p.m. (to 4 p.m. in November)

Tours first come, first served. You must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower.

History House

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A restored 1898 lieutenant's residence on "Officers Row" overlooking Sandy Hook Bay. Exhibits highlight everyday life at Fort Hancock.

Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

Building 20, Fort Hancock's Officers Row

Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The New Jersey Audubon Society field center with a bookshop and displays.

Call 732-872-2500.

Battery Potter

Weekends in September and October, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery.

Nike Missile Radar Site

Horseshoe Cove parking area

Saturdays, September 10 & 17 and October 15 & 29, noon to 4 p.m.

Sundays, September 18 & 25 (Cold War Day) and October 2 & 30, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Sandy Hook Nike missile site was part of the air defenses around New York City for from the 1950s through 1970s. Tour the radar site where the supersonic Nike missiles were controlled and guided.

Going Bunkers

Fort Hancock Museum

Sunday, September 18 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a two-hour tour of the fortifications that once defended New York Harbor. Bring a flashlight. Reservations required.

Call 732-872-5970.

Fall Equinox Shore Walk

Guardian Park at Fort Hancock

Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m.

Join the American Littoral Society on a two-mile walk to a natural habitat on the

Hook. Bring a flashlight. Call 732-291-0055 for reservations. Free.

Junior Rangers

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Thursday, September 22 at 4 p.m.

An After School Program for ages 7 to 12. Walk a beach trail with a park ranger and learn about the environment and our responsibility to maintain it. Dress for the weather. Reservations required. Call 732-872-5970.

Families Investigate Science Hands-On (FISH)

**NJ Marine Sciences Consortium,
Fort Hancock Bldg. 22**

Hands-on learning is integrated into each of these 3-hour activities. Reservations required for these fee programs. Call 732-872-1300, ext. 30 or on the web at www.njmsc.org

Salt Marsh Investigation

Saturday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 2 at 11 a.m.

On Sandy Shores

Saturday, September 17 at 11 a.m.

Sunday, October 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Lenape and the Jersey Shore

Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 at 11 a.m.

Incredible Crustaceans

Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m.

Birding for Beginners

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday September 24 at 9 a.m.

Fall is a great time to view songbirds, shorebirds, and hawks with a New Jersey Audubon Society naturalist

Star Watch

Fort Hancock Auditorium

Saturday, September 24 at 7 p.m.

Identify stars and planets at this program for beginners. There will be a telescope to help you observe the autumn sky. Program rain or shine.

Cold War Day

Horseshoe Cove Parking Lot

Sunday, September 25, noon to 4 p.m.

Visit a Nike Missile Radar site restored to the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. See Cold War era military displays. Veterans of Fort Hancock welcome.

Battery Gunnison:

World War II

Sunday, September 25, noon to 4 p.m.

The battery will be open and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions.

Bicycle Tour

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Wednesday, September 28 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy a leisurely bike ride on Sandy

Hook's new multiuse pathway. You must supply your own bicycle and helmet.

October

Nike Missile Launch Area Tour

Meet at Ajax Nike Missile

(¼ mile north of the Ranger Station)

Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m.

At Fort Hancock's Nike Missile Launch Site, supersonic Ajax and Hercules missiles once stood ready to defend the metropolitan area from air attack from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Monarch Butterfly Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, October 8 at 2 p.m.

This remarkable insect, whose migration route ends in Mexico, is featured on a ranger led tour.

Monmouth County Audubon Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, October 9 at 9 a.m.

Join Monmouth County Audubon on a walk looking for migrating sparrows, hawks, and ducks that will be wintering on our bays and rivers.

Brunch with the Birds

Brookdale Community College Ocean Institute

Building 53, Fort Hancock

Sunday, October 9, at 9 a.m.

Reservations needed for this fee program.

Call: 732-224-2435 or visit:

www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html

New Jersey Lighthouse

Challenge 2005

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

October 15 & 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Sandy Hook Light is one of 11 New Jersey Lighthouses along the Atlantic coast and Delaware Bay open for tours this weekend at this annual event, sponsored by the NJ Lighthouse Society. For more information the web:

www.njlhs.burlco.org/njlhc2005.htm

Brookdale CC Moonwalk

Brookdale Community College Ocean Institute

Building 53, Fort Hancock

Wednesday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations needed for this fee program.

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Discovering Sandy Hook Birds

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday October 15 at 9 a.m.

Learn the basics of identifying birds, from herons to sparrows, with a New Jersey Audubon Society naturalist.

Junior Rangers

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, October 16 at 2 p.m.

See September 22 description.

Reservations required. Call 732-872-5970.

Clean Ocean Action 'Make a Difference Day'

Beach Area E

Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m.

Help preserve Sandy Hook's natural resources. Join Clean Ocean Action and the National Park Service in cleaning beaches and planting dune grass. Bring gloves. All are welcome, but groups should register in advance. Call COA at 732-872-0111.

Nike Missile Defenses of Sandy Hook

Nike Ajax Missile, ¼ mile north of the Ranger Station

Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m.

Learn about Cold War defenses on a car caravan to Sandy Hook's Nike missile and radar sites.

Hallow-Marine

New Jersey Marine Sciences

Consortium, Building 22,

Fort Hancock

Sunday, October 23 at 5 p.m.

Join in on a "haunted" tour of Sandy Hook complete with pirates and the ghosts of Fort Hancock. Reservations are necessary for this fee program. Call 732-872-1300, x30 or on the web: www.njmsc.org

Battery Gunnison: World War II

Saturday and Sunday,

October 29 and 30, noon to 4 p.m.

Volunteers in WWII uniforms give tours and demonstrations on how Battery Gunnison's big guns were fired.

Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a flashlight on this night walk.

Reservations required.

Call: 732-872-5970

Fort Hancock Day

Sunday, October 30, noon to 4 p.m.

Events mark the 1895 establishment of Fort Hancock. Tours and open houses throughout the day explore the gun batteries and missile defenses that protected New York harbor.

November

Birding For Beginners

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, November 5 at 9 a.m.

Late fall is a great time to view migratory hawks and sparrows with a naturalist from the New Jersey Audubon Society

World War II Social Scene

History House

Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m.

See the off-duty side of military life at Fort Hancock during World War II. Tour through buildings and take a peak at artifacts from this era.

Salt Marsh Walk

Horseshoe Cove Parking Area

Saturday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay

Battery Gunnison: World War II

Sunday, November 13, noon to 4 p.m.

Battery is open and volunteers are on hand to answer questions.

Going Bunkers

Fort Hancock Museum

Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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History of Fort Hancock

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center,

Route 36, Monmouth Beach

Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m.

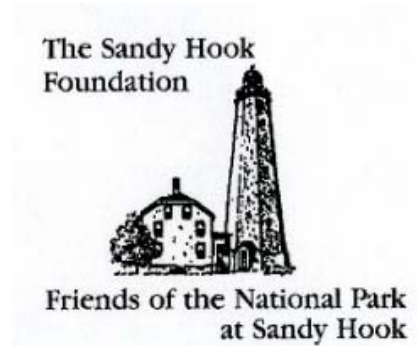
A slide presentation traces the history of Fort Hancock and its changing role in protecting New York Harbor from sea and air attack from 1895 to 1974.

Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, November 26 at 2 p.m.

Join us on a walk through Sandy Hook's 64-acre maritime holly forest.



The Sandy Hook Foundation is the National Park Services official Friends Group at Sandy Hook. The Foundation sponsors activities on Sandy Hook throughout the year. They are currently restoring the Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters.

Check out their website at: www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org.

Education Programs on Sandy Hook

National Park Service

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

The National Park Service offers a variety of self-guided educational opportunities about Sandy Hook, Fort Hancock, and marine science studies. Contact the Sandy Hook Visitor Center at 732-872-5970, to obtain an information folder, or on the web at www.nps.gov/gate.

New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium

Building 22, Fort Hancock

The NJMSC conducts research and offers guided educational programs and teacher workshops on the marine environment throughout the year. College level courses for credit or audit are available. For Teacher Workshop info and reservations, call: 732-872-1300, x 19 or visit www.njmsc.org

Brookdale Community College Ocean Institute

Building 53, Fort Hancock

Brookdale CC Ocean Institute offers educational programs and teacher workshops on the marine environment. Teacher workshops will be offered on Fridays, September 30, October 7 & 14, November 4, and Wednesday, November 16. For Teacher Workshop information and reservations, call: 732-224-2435 or on the visit: www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html



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Sandy Hook Cooperators

The National Park Service's partners in education and research at Sandy Hook are:

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732-291-0055
www.littoralsociety.org

Brookdale Community College
732-224-2435
www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html

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**New Jersey Marine Sciences
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New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail

Sandy Hook is a site on the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail. The purpose of the NJCHT is to provide for public appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment of significant natural and cultural sites in the coastal area of New Jersey. For information, call 856-447-0103 or visit: www.nps.gov/neje